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|  | Minutes of the National Health Cluster Meeting | Convened by: Health Cluster Coordinator | Meeting Notes taken by: Health Cluster Coordinator |
| AGENDA Opening remarks Overview of the COVID-19 situation Operational needs and gaps Action points and closing | | Date: 30 March 2021 Time: 1030-1200hrs | Venue: Virtual Microsoft Teams |
| Key issues Raised | | Participants: 115 participants from 53 organizations AIDA, AVH, Care, CCP-Japan, CISP, CRS, Danish Red Cross, ECHO, GCMHP, Hayfa Charity Hospital, HI, HWC, ICRC, Igatha 48, IMC, Italian Cooperation Agency, IOCC, JICA, Juzoor, LWF, MAP, MdM-Suisse, MdM-Spain, MDM-France, Medico International, MedGlobal, MSF Belgium, MSF-France, MSF Spain, MoH, NCCR, OCHA, Patient’s Friends Hospital, PCRF, PFBS, PFPPA, PHR, PMRS, PNGO, PRCS, PUI, RCS4GZ, Red Noses Palestine, Representative Office of Canada, Save the Children, St.John Eyes Hospital Group, Taawon (Welfare Association), UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNRWA, USAID, WeWorld-GVC, WFP, WHO | |
| <p>The Minister of Health, Dr Mai Akailla, opened the meeting as well as welcomed and introduced the new WHO Representative, Dr Richard Peeperkorn. Dr Peeperkorn gave a few words expressing appreciation of the work that has been put into the COVID-19 response and efforts outside of the COVID-19 response to ensure that the vulnerable continue to have access to essential services. He also expressed WHO and the Health Cluster’s commitment to continue supporting the MoH and ultimately Palestinians.</p> <p>Overview of the COVID-19 situation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Minister highlighted the concerns due to the upsurge in cases in the last few weeks in the West Bank which is battling the effects of the third wave and recently in Gaza which seems to be heading to a second wave. The MoH gave two presentations that can be accessed: MoH Presentation 1 on COVID-19 Situation: https://healthclusteropt.org/admin/file_manager/uploads/files/shares/Documents/606574253af60.pdf MoH Presentation 2 on COVID-19 Situation: https://healthclusteropt.org/admin/file_manager/uploads/files/shares/Documents/60642ffaebcc6.pdf <p>Operational needs and gaps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following are the areas of major concern in the COVID-19 response requiring urgent partner support: COVID-19 diagnostics capacity Supply of PPE for staff Supply of essential medical equipment, supplies, drugs for case management Hospital and ICU capacity, especially in the West Bank Vaccination roll out and uptake – the target is to vaccinate 100,000 people/ day (60,000 in the West Bank and 40,000 in Gaza). The MoH also wishes to have 70% of the population vaccinated before the elections. | | | |

| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MoH provided the list of needs for West Bank and Gaza: WB needs: https://healthclusteropt.org/admin/file_manager/uploads/files/shares/Documents/60643021deb6e.pdf Gaza needs: https://healthclusteropt.org/admin/file_manager/uploads/files/shares/Documents/6065746f537b2.pdf | |
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| Action Points | Progress |
| The Ministry to share comprehensive list of needed items with partners | Done, please see links above |
| WHO, UNICEF and MoH to meet and discuss priority items for urgent resource mobilization | To be done ASAP |
| <p>The Minister to create a committee to monitor the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines to ensure that it is according to the National Deployment and Vaccination Plan.</p> <p>The membership of the committee: Three representatives Ministry from of health A representative of WHO A representative of the Independent Commission for Human Rights A representative of the Palestinian Non-Governmental Organizations A representative of UNICEF A representative of UNRWA</p> | Done |